Cheating of Job Seekers

1318. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that a large number of persons seeking jobs in foreign countries particularly in gulf countries are cheated by agents, fake agents and visa racketeers on the false promise of securing jobs for them ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard :

(c) what is the number of such racketeers apprehended during the last two years for their misdemeanour ; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to save the job seekers from exploitation ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) The complaints are received regaiding cheating of job seekers by agents, fake agents and visa racketeers. The complaints regarding cheating are immediately referred to the police authorities for necessary action at their and as these constitute cognizable offence under the Emigration Act, 1983. Complaints are also made by parsons direct to the Police but information in this regard is not maintained.

(b) to (d) The Ministry of Labour takes stringent action against the Recruiting Agents who are registered with the Ministry of Labour if they are found violating the provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983. In 1988, the Protector General of Emigrants has cancelled the Registration Certificate of two recruiting agents and suspended the Registration Certificates of 23 recruiting agents against whom serious complaints were received. Measures have been taken to streamline the existing procedure and have more effective supervision of the working of the recruiting agents.

1319. [*Transferred to the 4th May,* 1989]

Encouragement to Milk Processing in Punjab

1320. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the M.nister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to encourage milk processing in Punjab ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what steps have been taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) to (c) The Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Number of Unemployed Persons in Punjab

1321. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be plased to state :

(a) what is the present number of unemployed persons upto the age of 35 years in Punjab and Chandigarh respectively ;

(b) what is the number out of them who are likely to be provided employment under the various schemes upto the end of current financial year ; and

(c) what is likely to be the total addition to the number of 'unemployees' during this period ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR